

in the office of Clerk of a Circuit Court, the Judges of said Court shall have power to fill such vacancy until the general election for Delegates to the General Assembly to be held next thereafter, when a successor shall be elected.

Sec. 24. The compensation of each of the said Clerks shall not exceed three thousand dollars per year, payable out of the fees of their respective offices, and they shall have no other perquisites or compensation; they shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Judges of their respective Courts, as many deputies under them as the said Judges shall deem necessary to perform, together with themselves the duties of the said office, who shall be removable by the said Judges for incompetency or neglect of duty, and whose compensation shall be according to existing or future provisions of the General Assembly.

#### PART IV—COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY.

Sec. 25. There shall be in the eighth Judicial Circuit, one Court to be styled "The Supreme Court of Baltimore City," which shall consist of one Chief Justice and five Associate Judges, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city at the election hereinbefore provided, and shall each hold his office subject to the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the election, and qualification of Judges, and their tenure of, and removal from office; and each of the said Judges shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars, payable quarterly, which salary shall not be diminished during their term of office.

Sec. 26. "The Supreme Court of Baltimore City," and each of the Judges thereof, shall have all the rights, powers and jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore City Court, the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, and the Orphans' Court of Baltimore City.

Sec. 27. It shall be the duty of the said "Supreme Court of Baltimore City," as soon as the Judges thereof shall be elected and officially qualified, and from time to time as they may deem necessary, to provide for the holding of as many Courts as the performance of its duties may require, and for the distribution of its business among said Courts; the said "Supreme Court of Baltimore City," may assign any one or more of the said Judges, to any one of the said Courts, and may from time to time change said assignment and distribution of business, as circumstances may require; and each Judge, or the said Judges, so assigned, in holding any of the said Courts, shall have all the powers of the said "Supreme Court of Baltimore City," and the said "Supreme Court of